(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Status report of new medical colleges in Karnataka

1345. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent any report on the status of the proposed medical colleges at Hassan, Mandya and Belgaum in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether MCI has visited these colleges and submitted any report to Government;

(c) the steps, if any taken or proposed to be taken on the status report of the proposed Government medical colleges sent by the Karnataka Government; and

(d) whether Government would accord permission to start these medical colleges during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Medical Council of India after considering the written response of the State Government in respect of MCI's observations regarding these three medical colleges and noting various deficiencies have not recommended for grant of permission for starting of these three medical colleges by Government of Karnataka.

(d) Grant of permission for establishment of new medical college is subject to the college fulfilling the required facilities as per the MCI Regulations. Since, the time schedule prescribed in the Regulation of MCI for grant of permission for establishment of new medical college for the academic year 2005-06 is 15th July, 2005 and that the Supreme Court in the case of Mridul Dhar *V/s* Union of India has decided that the time schedule prescribed in the Regulations is to be adhered to, it is not possible to give permission for the current academic year.